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Executive Registry

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : William W. Wells
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VIA : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : DCI Goals

1. You asked for one-year goals. Here are some suggestions:

-You might try to secure legislation to support the U.S. intelligence program. This would include, among others, a law authorizing the CIA to collect information and undertake covert action. Laws should be sought to administer punishment by administrative action or, possibly, under the criminal code, to those employees or ex-employees revealing classified information to unauthorized persons.

-You might consider establishing a standard evaluating U.S. public acceptance of intelligence responsibilities and the public perspective of the CIA and then measure against this standard - one year hence - the success of your efforts to persuade the press, the Congress, the government as a whole and the public of the worth of CIA's intelligence mission. If no appreciable progress has been made in a year (or even before then) you might wish to reconsider gaining more public acceptance through the media; we might, for example, reconsider using the motion picture or the television to dramatize CIA's mission. Everyone around here has always been against media exploitation of "your CIA in action" but I have never understood quite why.

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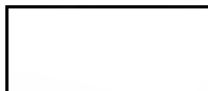
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-One obvious goal is to reduce the number of Congressional committees overseeing the Agency's activities. If this can be done in one year, and we wind up with only one oversight committee per house, it would be a job exceedingly well done in such a short time.

-As you get more accomplished political action experience behind you, you might wish to make suggestions for changes in the OAG procedures so that future Presidents and Secretaries of State can more readily understand the uses of covert political action. Every administration, particularly in its beginning phases must literally grope its way through the unlighted caverns of political action. Many missteps come in the first stages of understanding; perhaps these missteps could be avoided if covert political action were better conceptualized and administered. This would be something to do which might be particularly helpful in 1977.



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